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FAS PETTRIE/HUGHES/CLERKIN, APHIS CLIFFORD/HOFFMAN
DAKAR FOR USAID/OFDA/RDAVIS AND JSCICCHITANO
ACCRA FOR USAID/WARP HBOTTEMBERG; KCOONEY
GENEVA FOR NKYLOH/USAID
HHS FOR OGHA (STEIGER)
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SUBJECT: AVIAN INFLUENZA: WEEKLY UPDATE ON FAO ACTIVITIES
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1. USMISSION UN ROME staff covered the USDA/Washington
April 3-6 meetings with FAO on providing U.S. experts for
FAO's global efforts to combat Avian Influenza. A separate
reporting cable will be issued. During some free periods
this week, USMISSION UN ROME held brief discussions with FAO
Animal Production and Health (AGA) and Emergency Operations
and Rehabilitation (TCE) Divisions staff for an update on
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) country information
and activities. Following is a summary by country:

-- Azerbaijan: another case of HPAI was reported in a duck
in Agdam province.

-- Benin: FAO has shipped personal protective equipment
(PPE); disinfectant; sample shipping boxes; autopsy kits;
reagents; and sprayers and blowers to Cotonou. Expected
delivery date to national veterinary laboratories is
on/about April 14. Diagnostic equipment has not yet been
ordered. FAO is still evaluating the program of action it
will take in Benin.

-- Burkina Faso: FAO had been tracking rumors of H5N1 in
Burkina and received a positive identification of its
presence in country on March 31. FAO/Rome instructed its
regional representative based in Bamako to travel to Burkina
Faso, despite the Government failing to declare the virus'
presence to OIE. The Government subsequently acknowledged
an outbreak on April 3.

-- Israel: HPAI has been confirmed in turkeys in the Jericho
District. The Government began culling operations on 20,000
chickens believed to have been exposed to the H5N1 virus.

-- Kenya: FAO is tracking rumors of birds (both indigenous
and migratory) dying in and around Lake Naivasha. FAO also
reported that some 400 dead chickens were dumped in
Nairobi's Kasarani district.

-- Niger: FAO reported that since February 13, no additional
cases of H5N1 were reported, most likely due to the
restriction of poultry movements. The virus was introduced
through commercial routes bordering Nigeria. FAO believes
the local ecosystem may also be playing a role and is
currently analyzing how climate, humidity and other factors
keep the virus from surviving.

2. USMISSION UN ROME will continue to disseminate widely
FAO activities to combat and control Avian Influenza.

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